Stay Local Longer in Athens

Location
Greece

Dates
March - October

Duration
3-Night Pre-Cruise | 3-Night Post-Cruise

Prices starting from

$2,899 USD/Per Person

Considered the birthplace of Western civilization, Greece’s influence still resonates today in the fields of architecture, science, engineering, and philosophy. Greece offers a myriad of experiences, landscapes and activities. Athens—the capital city and homeland to gods, goddesses and some of the world's greatest philosophers and athletes—brims with iconic ancient temples, and also hosts a number of glorious parks and beaches. Your stay in Athens includes a panoramic tour of the city, taking in the major highlights, including the Acropolis, the new Acropolis Museum, the Panathenaic Stadium, and the Parthenon, before heading on a food-focused market tour of bakeries, cheese stalls, spice vendors, and more. Your journey then continues outside of Athens to Mycenae, Nafplio, and Epidaurus, sightseeing, visiting a family-run vineyard, and concluding with a special evening at the Benizelou Mansion and concludes with an evening at a local tavern, with dinner and a Greek folklore show.

All Passport details should be confirmed at the time of booking. Sales of this program close 90 days prior: book early to avoid disappointment, as space is limited.

Highlights

- Corinth Canal, Mycenae with its Cyclopean Walls and Lion’s Gate, Epidaurus

- Benizelou Mansion Museum

- The Acropolis, Hadrian’s Arch, Panathenaic Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus

- The New Acropolis Museum

- Varvakios Central Food Market, colorful Plaka and Monasteraki Flea Market

- Special dinner and drinks at a local restaurant in Plaka with folkloric presentation

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Land Program Itineraries

Pre-Voyage Itinerary

**Day 1**
Arrive in Athens

Upon arrival in Athens, you’ll be greeted and shown to your hotel. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to begin exploring, do a little shopping, or find a quiet place for a cocktail. Regroup at the hotel where dinner will be served this evening.

**Day 2**
Athens

Today, you’ll head out of the city to Mycenae, the Homeric city of Atreides, the city “rich in gold.” Visit the Lion’s Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Tombs before proceeding to a local winery to learn about the wines and sample a variety of them. Then, after lunch, depart for Nafplio, a picturesque town nestled at the foot of a cliff, and on to Epidaurus to visit the Theatre (4th century B.C.). Tonight, enjoy a special evening at the Benizelou Mansion, one of the oldest houses in Athens. Recently restored and opened as a museum, the home gives visitors a feel for life in the city as it was before the founding of the Greek state. After, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 3**
Athens

Enjoy a full-day exploration of Athens that takes in Hadrian’s Arch, the Temple of Olympian Zeus,
the Panathenaic Stadium, and Athens’ piece-de-la resistance, the Acropolis. From here you’ll progress to Athinas Street, a popular part of town that’s famous for its houseware and food stores. It’s then onto Varvakios Central Market, filled with vendors selling fresh meat and seafood. After lunch walk through the Monastiraki flea market and the narrow picturesque streets of the old city of Plaka, Athens’s oldest and most picturesque neighborhood. After, you’ll be taken back to your hotel. The balance of the day is at your leisure. At night a special dinner with folkloric dancing in a local restaurant in Plaka is arranged for your enjoyment.

### Day 4

**Athens**

After breakfast at your hotel, you’ll be met and taken to the airport for your onward flight.

### Post-Voyage Itinerary

#### Day 1

**Arrive in Athens**

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• **Day 4**  
Return Home

After breakfast at your hotel, you’ll be met and taken to the airport for your onward flight.